

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-48 are pending; Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 43, 45, and 47 are amended; and no claims are newly added or canceled herewith.

As support for this amendment may be found, for example, in the specification at page 18, lines 21-29, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-7, 11-17, 21-27, and 31-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Lin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,949,415, hereafter “the ‘415 patent”); Claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 28, 29, 38, 39, and 41-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the ‘415 patent in view of Barry et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,615,258, hereafter “the ‘258 patent”); and Claims 10, 20, 30, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the ‘415 patent in view of Lin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,163,803, hereafter “the ‘803 patent”).

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-7, 11-17, 21-27, and 31-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the ‘415 patent, that rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 1, as amended, recites “a monitoring unit configured to monitor data from the target application corresponding to selecting at least one key of the interface by the user ... to generate a log of the monitored data including data corresponding to the at least one key selected by the user.” Independent Claims 11, 21, 31, 41, 43, 45, and 47 recite analogous limitations.

The ‘415 patent relates to a method and apparatus for tracking programs launched within a computer system. As described in the ‘415 patent, launched application programs run under the control of an operating system 2 installed on client computer 1. Graphical user interface 3 may launch zero or more tasks 6, corresponding to displayed application

programs, and each task 6 may in turn launch zero or more subtasks 7. Graphical user

interface 3 includes a program monitor 4 configured to track status information for applications launched by graphical user interface 3.¹ The '415 patent further describes that the program monitor 4 maintains information relating to tasks 6 and subtasks 7 in local record file 5.² However, the '415 patent fails to disclose or suggest monitoring data from the target application corresponding to selecting at least one key, as recited in the independent claims.

More specifically, a graphical user interface may have multiple keys or icons corresponding to the same task or subtask. The '415 patent does not disclose generating a log of which of the keys or icons is selected to generate the task or subtask. Simply put, the '415 patent only discloses logging that the task or subtask has been generated, not that at least one key has been pressed. Thus, the '415 patent fails to disclose or suggest generating a log of the monitored data including data corresponding to the at least one key selected by the user, as recited in the independent claims.

Consequently, as the '415 patent fails to disclose or suggest the limitations recited in independent Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 43, 45, and 47, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-47 patentably distinguish over the '415 patent. It is therefore respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection of Claims 1-7, 11-17, 21-27, and 31-37 be withdrawn.

With regard to the remaining rejections, these rejections rely upon the '415 patent. As the other cited references are not relied upon for the features identified as deficient within the '415 patent, these references are not substantively addressed herewith.

¹ The '415 patent, col. 3, lines 8-15.

² The '415 patent, col. 4, lines 10-12.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

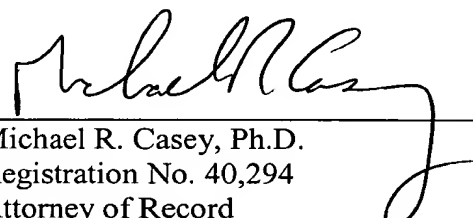
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